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**FROM MR. JOHN PENDLETON.**

FREDERICKSBURG, Decr. 15. 1771.

DEAR SIR.

You'll Receive with this: a Letter from Colo. Bernd. Moore, & one from my Broth. Edmd. Pendleton: the latter informs me that the late Steward for Colo. Custis's Estate, is Dead; & Advis'd me to Apply to you for the Business—I came thus far, in hopes I should meet you, on yr. Way to the Court of Oyer; but as ye. are not come, I suppose you do not intend there—

The Business I am now Engagd. in, prevents my coming up to yr. House; but if you are willing to Employ me in that Estate; be pleas'd to Signifie it, in a Line by the Post to my Bror. Edmd. and I will go to any place you shall direct—and Doubt not but I [will] discharge that trust to my Credit, & your Satisfaction

and am Sr. yr. mo. Obedt. hble Servt. JOHN PENDLETON